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FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL RELEASES HOLIDAY WEEKEND WRAP-UP

~ FHP issues more than 9,000 citations to violators in an effort to ensure public safety ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Col. John Czernis, Director of the Florida Highway Patrol, today announced the preliminary results from the Patrol's Independence Day holiday period. During the four-day heightened enforcement period on July 2 – 5, the Patrol took an all hands on deck approach, enlisting the support of reservists and auxiliary troopers in order to protect motorists on Florida's busy roadways.

“The Florida Highway Patrol works hard to ensure residents and visitors make it safely to their destinations,” said Czernis. “For us, that means putting additional troopers on the roadways to deter and to stop motorists who drive illegally and without regard to others' safety. FHP does not tolerate risky behavior, such as drinking and driving, and neither should you. The Patrol encourages motorists to report aggressive drivers by dialing *FHP (*347) from your cell phones.”

The Florida Highway Patrol issued more than 9,000 traffic citations and assisted nearly 3,000 motorists on Florida's roadways during the holiday weekend. Troopers made 100 arrests for Driving Under the Influence of alcohol or drugs and cited more than 3,000 drivers for speeding and more than 1,000 for failure to buckle up. The Patrol also reported 16 crash fatalities.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit www.flhsmv.gov.

FHP Preliminary Enforcement Results: July 2 - 5, 2010

Total Citations = 9,334
DUI Arrests = 100
Speeding Citations = 3,404
Safety Belt Citations = 1,102
Motorist Assists = 2,686
Fatalities = 16

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